THE DRAGONET PROPHECY REREAD | Chapters 26-27 | Oncilla

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Hello, and welcome back to the TDP reread! This week the chapters aren't very long, but Morrowseer returns! And scavengers, and IceWings, and…oh yeah, the death count more than doubles. Fun times!

This reread may contain SPOILERS for any and all Wings of Fire books. If you have not finished the series, read ahead at your own peril.

SUMMARY
Chapter 26: Killing Gill has made Tsunami a crowd favorite, much to the annoyance of Burn and Scarlet, so our resident duo of evil queens send Starflight into the arena to fight her. The two of them hug instead. Scarlet sends out several scavengers. The first two don't last very long--one gets knocked into the crowd and eaten, another runs into the wall and is...apparently killed by that?--but the other two survive long enough that Scarlet gets bored and decides to send out the IceWings. And that, of course, is when the NightWings arrive…. Gruesome death count: 9.

Chapter 27: Morrowseer tells Scarlet that Starflight belongs to the NightWings (but doesn't mention the other dragonets). Scarlet counters that they found him with the Talons of Peace, and the NightWings aren't siding with those rebels are they? She insists that she wants to see him fight IceWings...so Morrowseer's troops ruthlessly slaughter all the IceWing prisoners (eight by Clay's count). They take Starflight and go, leaving behind the other dragonets of destiny. Nobody is happy about this. Scarlet has her soldiers clean up the mess the arena, and then sends out the next two competitors: Peril and Clay. Gruesome death count: at least 17.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Tsunami and Starflight were looking at each other. Tsunami's sides were heaving, and she was covered in Gill's blood. She looked a bit scarier than usual, and Starflight clawed the sand nervously, as if he wasn't entirely sure she wouldn't snap and kill him.
"Slowly Tsunami walked over to Starflight. He opened his wings, and she leaned into him, resting her head on his shoulder."

For all their squabbling, these dragonets really are a closely-bonded family, and that's something Scarlet and Burn can never understand.

THE DRAGONETS
"These dragonets. Constantly pushing and shoving to save each other. It's just the weirdest thing." ~Scarlet 2k12

THE QUEENS
They are very, very frustrated this week.

"All around the stadium, a shocked stillness hing over the watching dragons. Clay guessed it had been a long time since they'd seen anyone win a showdown with their queen."

OTHER DRAGONS
It's Morrowseer! Look at how dark and ominous he is :D

WORLDBUILDING
Four scavengers, being very clearly not normal prey. Other than that, not too much in these worldbuilding sections this week; these chapters are definitely action chapters.

BIOLOGY AND CULTURE
Our first in-text mention of the NightWings' mystery queen, I believe.

IceWing blood is described here as "bluish-red."

BODY LANGUAGE + NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION:
"So much smoke was pouring out of Scarlet's nostrils that it was hard to see her eyes. Beside her, Burn's tail was lashing."

CULTURAL BIASES
IceWing-NightWing rivalry, obvs.

DRAGONSPEAK
"Morrowseer glanced up at the sky, where a **flight** of black dragons was circling." (emphasis mine)

"Clay felt like he'd been pummeled by a SeaWing tail."

"Do not anger the NightWings, sky dragon."

DIFFERENCES WITH LATER BOOKS
Is eight dead IceWing prisoners the same number as is given in the second arc? I'd check, but I don't even know if I should look in MR or WT, let alone what *part* of the book.

COMMENTARY
The surviving scavengers aren't put back in their cage until the end of chapter 27, which means they saw that whole thing with Morrowseer. XD

Annotations help, as always, will be appreciated.

We've got three chapters next week, bringing us to the dragonets' escape from the Sky Kingdom and the end of part 2! See you then!

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claps

This is by far better than Scarlet's arena.

glares at Scarlet

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~Fairydragon~
She/Her

We *will* never *be forgotten*
for we've all played our parts
and if the memories are erased
they'll still be in our hearts

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autumnlibrarian16

I still don't understand what color "bluish-red" is, but anyways great job on this, like always!

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Autumn [Librarian]
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"If you make a mistake and do not correct it, that is a second mistake."
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i love these oncilla, great job!

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Yes, the eight Icewings are the same ones from mentioned in MR

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~Crystul~

He left the other 99 to look for YOU

Mirror, Tell me something...

#Prolife
#Canada
#Homeschool
#RCatholic

I may suddenly leave for a long time...

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Chapter 26

"This is a frivolous palace," [Burn] muttered.
Tui: Which is ironic considering Scarlet just described something that could be in Burn's weirdling collection...although, I think Burn's objection is to the fact that Scarlet would do this because the wings would be pretty on her walls, whereas Burn would do it because it would be weird and gross and fascinating and representing her having something that nobody else has.

The door fell open, and four scavengers burst onto the sand, waving claws and squeaking ferociously.
Tui: I think it's kind of fun to imagine what it must be like to be a human in this world, where they are definitely not the top of the food chain. What must they think of the situations like this, where they have swords, and it looks like they have to fight these two dragons, and HUNDREDS of dragons are staring at them, and it seems pretty clear that no scavengers is getting out of here uneaten...

Were scavengers really any different from lizards or goats or ostriches?
Tui: Speaking of underestimating and misunderstanding others...

The scavengers landed, screaming, in one SkyWing's outstretched talons, and the dragon promptly ate him.
Tui: It's like catching a fly ball in baseball, only GRUESOME!

One of the scavengers pointed, and they split up, circling Tsunami from different directions.
Tui: That's right, teamwork! And girl power!

He vaguely remembered something from one of Starflight's lectures about how IceWings hated NightWings from some long-ago war.
Tui: This will be significant (and further explained) ONE DAY... (OK, it's in book seven!).

Morrowseer had arrived at last.
Tui: One might suggest "at the moment of maximum dramatic effect," not to imply anything theatrical about NightWings or anything. ;-)

Chapter 27

Each pair of NightWings fell on an IceWing prisoner, talons slashing. Within moments, all the IceWings were dead.
Tui: Yeah, THIS isn't going to come back to haunt them later or anything...

A rescuer had come down from the clouds...and decided not to rescue them.
Tui: I was thinking of the literary term "deus ex machina" here - where something or someone conveniently swoops down from the sky to save the day - and I thought it would be sort of funny (and very fitting, telling you a lot about the NightWings) if it looks like that's about to happen...aaaand then it's totally useless because the savior was only there for one of them, and the rest are still stuck in this arena. Ha ha! OK, perhaps Clay and Tsunami aren't as amused as I am about this...

The two scavengers still alive were shooed back into the cage and rolled away.
Tui: In my head they manage a clever escape later. La la la could totally happen!

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Thank you!

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Apparently Clay counted the IceWings correctly--earlier in the book, during the fight against Fjord, Vermilion mentions that to that date "Only nine [IceWing prisoners] have survived," counting Fjord.

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